

**REMARKS:**

**REMARKS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENT:**

The Examiner's observation that Swedish Priority Document SE 0200453-9 is needed is acknowledged with appreciation and the same will be provided by Applicant.

**REMARKS REGARDING DRAWINGS:**

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(g). Replacement Drawings Sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are included herewith.

**REMARKS REGARDING CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 17 believed to be responsible for Examiner's indication of the allowability of that claim.

Claims 13 and 16-20, indicated as containing allowable subject matter, have been rewritten in independent format. Each is therefore asserted as now being allowable, as are the claims that depend either directly or indirectly therefrom.

The claims have also been amended where appropriate to obviate Examiner's observations, objections and rejections noted in sections 4-11 of the Action.

New claims 33-37 have been added to clearly claim the embodiments of Figs. 10 and 3. Support for the new claims is found in both of these figures, as well as the associated description found in the specification. Care has been taken to avoid adding new matter.

**IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION:**

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:**

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 22, 27, 28, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Maus *et al.* (US 5328774). Further, Claims 1-7, 22, 27, 28, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hervert *et al.* (US 3785781). Still further, Claims 1-4, 7-12, 22-25 and 27-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mieville *et al.* (US 5660800). Claims 1-4, 7, 22, 24-28, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Matros *et al.* (US 6314722).

As stated above, claim 1 has been amended to include the unique subject matter of claim 17 and is therefore asserted by Applicant as being allowable; namely, none of the cited references disclose, teach or suggest a device for treating gas flows having a plurality of sections constituting a modular construction of the device and in which each of the sections have different internal structures that form gas flow passages. Still further it is recited that at least one of the sections comprises an internal cavity extending substantially parallel to the gas flow passages of that section and which are distributed around the internal cavity.

For these reasons, it is respectfully asserted that claim 1 is allowable, as are the claims that depend therefrom in view of the further limitations contained therein.

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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Order No. 6730.058.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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